

May 25, 2011 Testimony for the House Transportation Committee on HB4521

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thanks for the opportunity to testify on this bill on behalf of the National Motorists Association (NMA).

We support this bill and similar measures to dedicate more of the motor fuel taxes collected from drivers to our roads. The NMA believes the correct proportion of all excise and sales taxes on motor fuels to be dedicated to roads would be 100%.

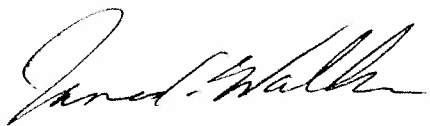
If 100% of all federal and state excise taxes and Michigan sales taxes collected on both gasoline and diesel fuel were spent on roads, our systems would be in far better shape. In principle, we support collecting adequate taxes from motor fuels to fund our roads and to not allow any of those taxes to be siphoned off for other purposes.

On another note for today's agenda, the National Motorists Association supports Resolutions HCR 12 and HCR 75 to express opposition to the federal government withholding road funding to the states based on passage of the Safe Teen and Novice Driver Uniform Protection Act (STAND UP Act). The STANDUP Act ~ S. 528

The NMA is opposed to the federal government blackmailing any state with their own fuel tax revenues based on that state's adoption or rejection of rules, laws or procedures the federal government recommends. These are taxes paid by each state and must be returned to those states without restrictions.

I would be happy to take any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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